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## **VACAVILLE WOMAN CONVICTED OF ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER ON TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that a federal jury convicted MARIA E. STONER, 55, of Vacaville, Calif., yesterday of charges of assaulting a federal officer and possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle after a two-day trial before United States Magistrate Judge Gregory G. Hollows.

According to misdemeanor prosecutors Richard Shoemaker-Moyle and Anthony Storm, on November 12, 2006, STONER was a passenger in a car stopped at Travis Air Force Base on suspicion of driving under the influence. During a pat-down search for officer safety, STONER resisted, was arrested, and taken to the medical center for evaluation. At the medical center, she caused a disturbance, made attempts to leave, and became belligerent. She kicked, spat on, and flailed her arms at, the nurses and officers, including biting the finger of a police officer.

STONER is a naturalized U.S. citizen who has been living in the U.S. since 1982, working as a nurse. During the trial STONER testified that she was a doctor in Mexico and a retired captain in the U.S. Air Force.

The U.S. Attorney's office employs third-year law students who are certified to handle misdemeanor matters in federal court under the supervision of an Assistant U.S. Attorney. Richard Shoemaker-Moyle and Anthony Storm attend McGeorge School of Law and Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel McConkie supervised them during the trial.

STONER is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Hollows on May 4, 2009. The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of assaulting a federal officer is up to one year in jail and a fine of \$100,000, and for a violation of possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle is not more than \$100. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

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